

The Daily Courant.

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London, October 9.

IN the Courant of September 29, was inserted a Letter from Fort St. George in the East Indies, containing a Relation of the Contest for the Empire of the Mogul between the Sons of the deceas'd Aurengzebe. Another Letter on that Subject has since been communicated to us; which, presuming it may not be unacceptable to the Publick, we give intire; without omitting any Particular to render it the more credible to such who judge of things only by what they see in that Part of the World they live in.

THE great Aurengzebe finding himself draw nigh his End, and foreseeing that Dissentions would happen between his Sons in contending for the Empire, after his Decease; to prevent the Evils that would consequently attend such Differences, sent for his Vizier Asif Can, and the great Omrahs in his Army, and made a Partition of his Empire by Will in manner following. To his youngest Son Cam Bux he gave the Kingdom of Vijapore and Guicouda, with that part of the Deccan Country which takes in the Corrautta; to his second Son Azem Tura he gave the Kingdom of Guzaratie, and the other part of the Deccan Country; quietly to possess and enjoy the same, acknowledging a Superiority in their elder Brother Shah Aalam, who was to possess the Kingdom of Indostan, Bengall, and the other parts of his Empire: Unto which Will he caused his Sons, his Vizier, and several of his great Omrahs to set their Hands, and confirm'd the same with his Seal, with the heaviest Imprecations and curses against those of his Sons, or others, who should go about to violate this his Disposition; and having settled things in this manner, and dispatch'd his Sons to their proper Provinces, on the 20th of February 1707 he died, in the 91st Year of his Age, and 51st of his Reign. His 2d Son Azem Tura had departed from him but about 3 or 4 Days, when Expresses were sent him from his Sister Begum, and Asif Can, who were then in the Mogul's Camp, that he should make a Halt with his Troops till further Advice from 'em, being then apprehensive of the Emperour's Death, and that 'twas the Intention of the Army, through the Interest they had made, to set him upon the Throne. He accordingly observ'd their Directions, and halted at a Place about 3 Days March from the Camp; and was not long there, before Expresses came to inform him of his Father's Death, and that he should return with all Expedition to the Camp, to prevent the forming of Parties, there being some Divisions among them: Upon this, he immediately hasten'd with his Forces thither, where he was receiv'd with general Satisfaction, and the Army proclaim'd him Emperour. Shah Aalam the eldest Brother, who was then with a powerful Army on his March towards Agra and Dehlie, had Advice of what had pass'd in his Father's Army, and that they had made Azem Tura Emperour; who had accordingly assum'd the Throne, and was on his March towards Dehlie in order to be Crown'd there: Shah Aalam upon receipt of this, sent express Orders to his two Sons Azem Uddeen and Mofadeen to hasten with their Forces to Agra where he would joyn them: And on the 22d of May we had Advice, that Shah Aalam was arriv'd with a Body of 60000 Horse between Agra and Dehlie, and that his eldest Son Mofadeen with 40000 Horse was arriv'd at Narmada ready to joyn him. The Governor of Dehlie refusing to surrender the Garrison to Shah Aalam, 'tis reported 'twas taken by

the following Stratagem: 2000 arm'd Men were put up in Chests, attended by a Party of Soldiers in the Habit of Peasants, and some others as a Guard to the Imperial Treasure, which they gave out was in those Chests, and that it was to be lodg'd in Dehlie, till Fate should decide the Controversy between the 2 Brothers, when the Conqueror was to possess it: This Stratagem took, and the Chests were convey'd into the Garrison, when upon a signal given, the arm'd Men leap'd out of the Chests, surpriz'd the Governor, whom they cut to pieces, and took the Place.

May the 30th, the Armies of Mofadeen and Dedar Bux were in fight of each other, the later with a body of 20000 Horse going to joyn his Father Azem Tura, against whom Mofadeen sent a Party of 20000 Horse under command of 2 Rajahs, who fell upon the Enemy at unawares with such fury, that having put him in disorder, he was oblig'd to make a hasty retreat with the loss of several Men.

The two grand Armies were now drawing near each other, Shah Aalam Joyn'd by his two Sons with their Forces; and Azem Tura, by his 2 Sons with what Forces they had gather'd, besides the grand Vizier, and his Son Zulphaker Can, and the chief Minister to the deceas'd Emperour.

On the 6th of June the 2 Armies were in fight of each other, that of Shah Aalam's consisted of 150000 Horse, 180000 Bow-men, Spear-men and Miqueeters, 200 arm'd Elephants, besides several other Elephants and Camels in abundance: To whom Azem Tura was far inferior in Number, for that several of his Omrahs upon Disgust deserted him, nor is it known to this day the strength of his Army; but, depending on his Father's veteran Troops, he resolv'd to give Battle, of which take the following Account.

On the 7th of June Azem Tura having transported his Forces over the River Samboah without any interruption, Azem Uddeen who commanded the front of Shah Aalam's Army feign'd a Fear, and Retreat'd some Miles from the River into the Plains of Agra, whither he was pursu'd by Azem Tura; during which time the Prince Mofadeen who commanded in the Rear was contriving to cut off all Communication between Azem Tura and the River, which was not perceiv'd by the adverse Party till 'twas effectually done, and the Signal given to Azem Uddeen to face about and charge; which he accordingly did with great Bravery, and at the same time Mofadeen attack'd the Rear; so that Azem Tura, too late found himself inclos'd on every side, and no Possibility of Retreat. The Battle that Day was very hot till Sun-set; and the next Morning being the 8th at break of Day 'twas renew'd with like Courage, which continu'd that Day also till Sun-set: This Action was very Bloody, wherein fell Azem Tura's two Sons, Dedar Bux and Wala Jaa: And on the 9th after a very sharp Dispute for several Hours, wherein the greatest part of Azem Tura's Generals and Omrahs were either kill'd or wounded, Fate put an end to this great Battle by the Death of Azem Tura, who (being on an Elephant surrounded by 6000 Horse of his Guards, who defended him bravely, till most of them were cut in pieces,) seeing all lost and no hopes of an escape, took to his Horse, fell in among the thickest of his Enemies, and kill'd several with his own Hands, for that Mofadeen had given charge to take him alive if possible, and accordingly caus'd him to be encompass'd round with 700 Shield-men; which Azem Tura perceiving, drew his Dagger and Stabb'd himself therewith and died; His Body was taken up, as also the Bodies of his two Sons, and sent to Dehlie

Dehlie to be interr'd, Thus ended this memorable Battle, wherein the Slain on both Sides are reported to be at least 100000 Men, 80 or 90 Generals and grand Officers, besides what were wounded; among whom was taken Zulphaker-Caun, who is since recover'd and in Favour with Shah Aalam, who is now Settled upon the Throne. Since which we have had no certain Advices from Court, though it has been reported that his two Sons have cut him off, the truth of which time will discover,

Caun Bux is still in possession of the Vijapore Country, but how long he'll keep it is uncertain; for that Shah Aalam's Sons are for having him cut off, and 'tis believ'd that as soon as matters are Settled at Court, they will fall upon him, who will be hardly able to face 'em, notwithstanding he has been joynd by one of the greatest Generals of the Empire with 30 or 40000 Usback Horse, and a great Body of Morattoes.

Since writing the foregoing, we have had certain Advice from Court, that the Report of Shah Aalam's being cut off is false, but that he has been very importunate with his two Sons to go to their respective Provinces assign'd them; but that they are rather desirous to stay with their Father, (as we suppose) expecting his Death, and that their Sons should go in their Stead; which occasions (as suspected) some Troubles at Court, for we find that there has been no Orders issu'd out to any of the remote Parts of the Empire or Sea-Coasts, no not so much as to Bengail, Suratt, or Chormandell. But the Government being so unsettled as yet, and our Advices precarious, time must enable us to draw a true Scheme of the posture of Affairs in this Empire. If it should ever fall again under the Government of one Person (as of the late Emperour) 'tis to be fear'd 'twill never be kept in such Order as 'twas then, but that his Generals will ravage and plunder the Country at their Pleasure, as two late Instances towards the Country of Guzzaratt have evidenc'd.

Shields, Oct. 4. Yesterday-Night the East-Country Fleet pass'd by this Port with a fair Wind: They had been some time in the North Frith.

Dartmouth, Oct. 5. Yesterday came in here the John Transport of Plymouth John Burges Master from St. Malo with 343 exchang'd Prisoners. They left in Dinant Prison when these were drawn off 130 Prisoners.

Portsmouth, Oct. 7. Sir Georg Byng is sail'd with the Queen of Portugal.

London, October 9.

Late last Night arriv'd a Mail from Ostend. with Letters dated October 18. N. S. Advising that the Communication between the grand Army and Ostend continu'd open: That the Besieged in Lisse were reduc'd to great Extremities: And that the 2 Regiments which sail'd last from Portsmouth were arriv'd at Ostend.

For the Entertainment of his Excellence Don Joseph Dias, Ambassador from the Emperour of Morocco, lately arriv'd.

By her Majesty's Company of Comedians.

At the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Saturday, being the 9th of October, will be presented, *Othello*, Moore of Venice. The part of Othello to be perform'd by Mr. Thurmond. And the parts of Iago by Mr. Keene, Brabantio by Mr. Smith, Cassio by Mr. Husband, Lodovico by Mr. Corey, Roderigo by Mr. Bowen, Desdemona by Mrs. Bradshaw, Emilia by Mrs. Powell, Bianca by Mrs. Finch, and all the other parts to the best Advantage. For Mr. Thurmond's Benefit.

This Play is Sold by J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, and B. Lianon next Mando's Coffee-House, Temple-Bar.

Lost in Round Court in the Strand or thereabouts, an old Pocket Book, containing a Note of 20 l. dated the 27th of September past, payable to Mr. John Campbell and Geo. Middleton, a Note of 4 l. due the 3d of September past, a Note of 8 l. due the 15th Instant, and other Notes and Letters of no Value but to the Owner, Payment being stop'd. Whoever brings the same to Murray's Coffee-house in Round-Court in the Strand, or to the Printer of this Paper, shall have 10 s. Reward.

To be Sold by the Charon Company at the Marine Coffee-house in Birch Lane, on Wednesday the 13th Instant, at 3 in the Afternoon, Lack'd Tea-Tables, Cabinets, Writing-Desks, China-Ware, and various sorts of Goods. To be seen at the Out-ropers-Office from Monday the 11th Instant to the time of Sale.

Lost out of Cloth-Fair in Smithfield, on Thursday the 7th Instant, a Liver-colour'd and White Lap Dog, and a Lap-Bitch, both of the Spaniel Kind; the Dog all White except his Head and Ears, and a Liver-colour'd Spot on one of his Sides: The Bitch most Liver-colour'd, with a White Tip on her Tail. Whoever brings them or gives notice of them so that they may be had again, to the Printer of this Paper, shall have a Guinea Reward.

JOSHUA FEARY, ROBERT CARR, and HOW LOWFIELD, Mercers, Remov'd from the Wheat Sheaf by the Bell-Savag-Inn on Ludgate-Hill, to the Wheat Sheaf and Star 6 Doors higher on the same side of the Way nearer Ludgate.

Sir Wm Read's Brother Mr. Brintden, Oculist and Surgeon, is Remov'd from Durham-yard into Bedford Court, Covent-Garden, London; where he is constantly to be advis'd with in all Diseases incident to the Eyes. He has lately Couch'd (and restor'd to Sight) several who were Blind of Cataracts, Obstructions in the Optick Nerves, Rheums, D. Fluxions of Humours, &c. as any one may be fully satisfy'd upon inquiring of their Names and Places of abode. He Cures the Poor Gratis, &c.

By J. Hodgson and F. Hauksbee, a Course of Experiments in order to Demonstrate the Laws of the Gravitation of Fluids, the various Properties of the Air in relation to its Weight, Spring, Necessity of its Presence in the Conservation of Life, and Production of Flame and Sound. Together with several new Experiments touching Light and Electricity. Will begin on Tuesday the 26th Instant, at Mr. Hauksbee's in Wine-Office-Court, Fleetstreet, and be continu'd every Friday and Tuesday following till finish'd. Where Subscriptions are taken in, and printed Accounts of the whole are given.



At the Eagle and Child in Fleetstreet, near Shoe-Lane, are to be seen 2 Girls about 7 Years old, who are one of the greatest Wonders in Nature that ever was seen, being Born with their Backs fasten'd to each other, and the Passages of their Bodies are both one way. They are handsome and lusty, and talk 3 different Languages, can Walk, sit down, and carry one another upon the Back. Their Names are Hellen and Judith, the former was Born 3 Hours before her Sister. Price 6 d. apiece, if any Person desires to see them privately 1 s.

At the Iron-Foundary on the Bank-side near the Bear-Garden in Southwark, are made and Sold by George Blachford and Company all sorts of Cast Iron Work, viz. Backs for Chimneys, Plates for hot Presses, Glass-Grinders and Paper-Mills, Coach, Cart, and Waggon-Boxes, Cockles for Maltsters, Pots, Pans, Stoves, Anvils, Rides, Aquafortis, Pots, Mills, Weights, Ingots, Bars, Round Shot, Cross-Bar-Shot, Deck-Shells, Granado-Shells, and Models to any Pattern. Also the best sort of Turkey Emery, both Flower and Corn, of all Sizes, at a Reasonable Price; Money for old Guns, broken or whole, old Shot and Cast-Iron.

For SALE by the CANDLE.

On Tuesday the 12th Instant, at Lloyd's Coffee-House in Lombard-Street, at 4 a Clock, 21 Pipes of new Red and White Oporto Wine, within the great Gates next the Ship a Linnea-Draper's, opposite to the Mitre-Tavern in Fanchurch-Street; 12 Pipes of new Red Viana, in Billiter-Square; 12 Pipes of new Red Viana, 8 Hhds of Red Anadea, 7 Pipes of Red Florence, 3 Chefts of new Red Florence, under the Bunch of Grapes near the Arch in Crutched-Friars; 15 Hhds of new French Clarets, and 3 Hhds of new French White Wine, in Cross-Lane, between St. Dunstan's-Hill and Harp-Lane; and 10 Puncheons of Barcelona Brandy, near the Plough in Water-Lane, opposite to the Custom-house. All the aforesaid Wines and Brandy are to be seen at usual Hours till the time of Sale. Sold by T. Tomkins, Broker.

This Day is Publish'd,

A Sermon Preach'd September the 12th 1708. upon Occasion of the Death of the Reverend John Spademan, M. A. who died Sept. 4. 1708. To which is added, A Form of Covenant with God, Transcrib'd and Sign'd with his own Hand, above 30 Years since. By Sam. Rosewell. Printed for J. Lawrence at the Angel in the Poultry.

The Gamester, a Comedy, as it is Acted by her Majesty's Servants. The 2d Edition. Printed for J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, where may be had the Platonick Lady, by the same Author.

The Divine Right of Episcopacy Asserted. Wherein is prov'd, that Episcopacy is of Divine and Apostolical Institution: And that it was the Government of the Christian Church during the Three first Ages of it; and was design'd to be Perpetual in it to the end of the World. With an Account of the Distinction of the Three Orders of Bishop, Presbyter, and Deacon, to Reconcile the Dissenting Parties to that Form of Church Government. By a Presbyter of the Church of England. With a Preface by George Hickes, D. D. Printed for Richard Sare at Gray's-Inn-Gate in Holborn.

There is now Publish'd,

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